There was a report of death of a subject who was involved in a Bioequivalence study in a centre in Hyderabad. As per the information received from the bioequivalence study centre, the subject was administered the first dose of a drug on 26 November 2008 and was discharged on 28 November 2008. He submitted another blood sample on 29 November 2008. As advised by the Centre the subject visited the center again on 5th December 2008 for second dosing planned on 6th December 2008 and complained of chest pain and breathlessness. After preliminary treatment by the in house Doctor of the centre, the subject was shifted to nearby Hospital. As per the information received from the hospital cause of death could not be arrived as the patient was brought dead.

Medical care to patients suffering from chronic diseases

54. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the number of people suffering from chronic diseases are rapidly increasing in the country;

(b) if so, whether the existing health-care facilities are not found adequate to treat patients of such chronic diseases in the country;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to improve its medicare facilities throughout the country and also to ensure that the patients suffering from chronic diseases are treated timely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Reports indicate that the number of people suffering from chronic diseases is increasing in the country.

(b) to (d) Healthcare services for different ailments are available to the people throughout the country though the Government health facilities at Primary Health Center, District Hospital, State Medical Colleges and National level Institutions. The facilities are reviewed from time to time under various programme of National Rural Health Mission and the National Programme on Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases and Stroke (NPDCS). An outlay of Rs. 1660.50 crore has been provided for the NPDCS during the 11th Five Year Plan. NPCDS have been initiated in 10 districts in 10 States in pilot phase.

Expansion of health-care facilities in Delhi

†55. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for expansion of health-care facilities in Delhi before the commencement of Common Wealth Games in the year 2010;

(b) if so, the number of dispensaries, hospitals and trauma care centres proposed to be set up and upgraded; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.